WITH THE LOCAL PASTORS

Rev. Parsons Says Master Stroke of Devil is to Hinder Thought.

"An Autobiography in Three church Sunday evening, preached by thy testimonies; I made haste and ments." In part he said:

quently we hear the expression, 'I "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," the place in thought. Ask any pathing that requires sustained attention and thought. Even in educational matters the market is glutted | of attaining the desired proficiency. ULLU IIIIVU UI UUU In business and pleasure everything is done to keep people from exercising their thinking faculties.

"When we can get men to think seriously, soberly, religiously, a move is made in the right direction and the battle for the soul is half won. 'I thought on my ways,' What would eternity, he is responsible to God for Paul's Memorial Methodist Epis- be a mountain from whose peak the use he makes of his life, he must copal church. The sermon was there should come a code of per assume some definite attitude to- based upon the words of the Jew sonal ethics which should mold and wards the Bible and the Christ of Mordecal to Esther, the queen, as control the whole civilized world! the Bible, he reasons that he has a recorded in the Book of Esther 4:14. And yet that is what happened. For soul to save and a day of judgment to meet. Let a man ser busiv think come to the kingdom for such a destiny was led through this barren on these things and the Spirit of God time as this." will bring conviction to his heart,

monies. This is the natural conse- human history. There is such a young; the eagle carries its young quence of serious thought. Thought thing as a divine Providence—a God not in the talons, but upon its back is the sire of action. When the who interests Himself in the affairs with its own breast between the prodigal son sat in the swine pasture of the nations of the world. There young and the hunter's arrow. and thought on his ways, he saw is a God who knows. There is a God had brought them up out of what a fool he had been, he made | God who is never surprised. He is | Egypt. They were to become a naup his mind to quit the old life. One who is prepared for every tion of priests, to minister the rejumped over the fence and turned emergency. He is a God who is ligion of Jehovah to the world. They his footsteps toward home. The prepared for every attack of the must therefore sanctify themselves. law of the Lord is perfect, convert- enemy; One who cannot be deceiv- And duty must be made severely ing the soul; the testimony of the ed by the strategy of any foe. He clear lest there be excuses of ignor Lord is sure, making wise the sim- is the God of the Crisis. for the thoughtful man than the history of the Jews as set forth in "For this purpose Moses retired Bible; it will tell him the truth and the Book of Esther. Haman has into the fastness of Mt. Sinai, climb lead him in the right way to salva-i carefully laid a cruel plot. He sits ed to the neak and remained to re-

to keep thy commandments.' In re- runs red with rivers of Jewish back the ten words which are even ceiving holy impulses, trifling and blood. He is waiting until Mor- yet so freighted with sane meanprocrastination are exceedingly dan- decai, the hated Jew who will not ing-ten words written upon two tagerous. Obedience is the test of sin- bow to him, is hanged upon the bles of stone. Ten words which cerity. He did not cavil with God, gallows. He is waiting until Esther, when read impersonally sound pernor attempt to dictate terms of sur- the Jewish queen, lies weltering in emptority commanding! render, he obeyed. Jesus said, 'Ye her own blood. But, alas for Haman, "While we of the 20th century are are my friends if ye do whatsoever he has left one person out-that not preaching a legalistic gospel, we I command you.' The only way to One is God. peace and joy is absolute consecration of yourself to God. He thought, lie turned, He obeyed."

FINDS WORLD LIVES IN AGE OF RESTLESSNESS

Rev. Thomas Declares Never So Much Religious Variance as There is Today,

world and there was never so much | brow the crown of tyranny and place | statement of what our own conscitheological variance as there is to- thereon liberty's immortal wreath? ences commend to our observance. day," said Rev. A. E. Thomas, pastor of the First Brethren church. Sunday morning in his sermon on the subject "Inspiration of the Bi- the question of slavery, did not God We do well to bind these commandble." This was the first sermon of raise up a deliverer in the person ments upon our fingers and write a series on the general theme "Fun- of Abraham Lincoln? Did not God them in the tables of our hearts!" damentals of Christian Faith.

on four things, inspiration of the taught and believed that in all the theme, "Mt. Pissah-The Unachiev-Bible, the atonement, Christ was realm of thought there was no ed Nision." God, Man, and the Resurrection, grander theme than that of liberty? The word inspiration means a breathing in. The Bible is the breath, the life, the will of God write the history of our country. He given to the world. Every word was is still the God of the crisis. At the inspired not the men alone but present hour our country is facing

his own great intellectuality could Woodrow Wilson to save us in such not fathom. He was inspired, He an hour as this-to save us from believed in the inspiration of the war and at the same time with our The problem of remodeling the basethe Bible tends to prove its source. The Bible is a book of authority, it is infallible, and is therefore a member that the God who guided new dormitery rooms will be taken said Rev. II. C. Wilson, superinsafe guide for life's conduct. Prot- our fathers is still our God and He up. estants have become so familiar with the Bible that some of them God of the Crisis." are in danger of lowering it to the level of other books. It is the only great Biblical production, "Queen classes at the summer school at Lake subject "The 20th Century Sunday couragement, just a handshake by to be efficient must have three book, and we cannot understand Esther," in motion pictures. The Geneva during the first part of June. School." some things in it but we can rely on pictures brought every detail of the God. We as a church, believe that thrilling story of Ahasureus, the "SHUR-ON" EYEGLASSES \$3.75 the Sunday school lesson held the Encouragement is always better knowledge of the Bible; third, skill the Bible was verbally inspired, we king, Esther, the queen, Mordecai, Eyes examined free. Dr. Paul's central place, the whole school stuaccept the Bible as the rule of our the Jew, and Haman, the cruel plot- Optical Service, 209 J. M. S. Bldg. died the same lesson. If the lesson than knocking. faith."

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SAYS ATONEMENT PLAN OF GOD IS REASONABLE

"It is reasonable to think that if Ged created man and placed him ere would in turn reveal His will o His creatures, therefore we have His revealed truth in the Bible," sald

in his sermon on the subject "Christianity Appeals to Reason" Following the services two new members were united with the church. In part he said:

"If Christianity has its way it; Words" was the subject of the ser- makes the people honest, upright in tor of the Hope Presbyterian church, eals to the reason. When these respoke on the verse, "I thought on but when the character and life are ject "Mountain-Top Experiences." my ways, and turned my feet unto at variance with the profession of gnores it altogether as spurious.

our heart, mind, soul and strength connection between the high moun-"I thought on my ways.' That is as the decalogue has it, then there tains and the people of today. In always the first step in the right is no method by which we can atone direction. One of the master strokes for any neglect on our part and it part he said: of the devil is to keep people from is perfectly reasonable to accept "There are certain spots upon the Methodist Episcopal churches of the thinking seriously, and he seems to God's plan of atonement as exempli- surface of the earth that are made United States, was present Sunday, be astoundingly successful, for one of fled in his word. If the indulgence memorable and sacred by reason of and each delivered a sermon in the the characteristics of the present in sin is detrimental to our best in- acts or events which took place over morning and evening at a Methodist age is lack of deep meditation and terests spiritually, then it is reason- them. And these events or experi- church of the city. serious thoughtfulness. How fre- able to believe what Jesus said ences are always associated with

Cidn't think what I was saying, or is the most necessary thing to do, triotic Englishman if Runnymede 'I didn't mean that, I didn't think | "Because people are continually means anything to him! What does what I was doing.' In the factory placing barriers in the way of their Bunker Hill or Gettysburg mean to and workshop man is reduced to an return to God, making it seem im- the patriotic Americans? How many automaton, and the less brain and possible that there is salvation for of you have a vision of an old house in the church, Mrs. M. S. Lamoreaux the more hand he has the better he the guilty, the Spirit has recorded standing somewhere in seclusion, suits the boss in many instances. this "Though your sins be as scarlet made dear to you by reason of your mentary work, Rev. J. V. Thompson The books offered for sale as the they shall be as white as snow," by birth within its walls? best sellers are, as a rule, light, friv- observing the plan, repentance toolous and exciting. The argument is ward God and faith in the Lord made that people will not read any- Jesus Christ, thou shalt be saved."

"'I made haste, and delayed not the whole country about Babylon specting human duty. He brings

God Steps in in Crisis.

that God has always been the God mandments, we cannot help acof the crisis. Take our own coun- knowledging that they are right. raised up Washington to help this there show us that the Mosaic com-

about to totter into ruins as a na- the souls of men, which every man tion because we were separated on does well to heed, and never to deny!

Sees Wilson as Man of Hour. "Yes, God's hand has helped us "Paul wrote things which even be able to write that God raised up

> of Esther is our God. May we re- the basement and the building of mined by the needs of the pupil" tian life. will not forsake us. He is still the. The committee will consider the of the Methodist Episcopal church, into good working Christians if the "The Sunday school is the train-

I ter, before the eyes of the audience, in such devout and reverent manner as to make a deep impres- | Dr. W. G. Wegner for Coroner. of Sunday school work is rapidly Christian life. A definite public con- fully. EMIL SCHINKE-For commis-

Rev. J. O. Moster, pastor of Mizpan Rev. Allison Bases Sermon on Peaks Hallowed by Association.

Rev. George William Allison, pas

Whole Land Sacred, "In Palestine we have a whole day evening talks we propose to visit in our imagination the more noted mountains, and recount some of the important truths which the race "The God of the Crisis" was the the recognition of every man that he

"Who knoweth whether thou art not the Hebrew nation on its way to "There is such a thing," said Dr. take a pledge to duty! God had Gardiner, "as the hand of God in carried them as the old eagle its

yonder in his palace waiting until ceive the revelation of Jehovah re-

Jews must perish. The decree sen- thundered at a terror-stricken folk tencing them to death had been some centuries ago? No: but besigned. But at the critical hour cause they commend themselves to God stepped in and through Esther approval when we consult the voice "Read history and you will find stituted that when we read the com-

"Again when this country was There is a definite call of duty in

help us meet the crisis in our his- The next sermon in this series will "The Christian religion is based tory by giving to us a president who be given next Sunday evening on the

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF Y. M. C. A. TO MEET

A special meeting of the execuspecial questions will be discussed to failure." ment and rearranging the lockers, place instead of a lesson system church to train and develop these School Opportunity." He spoke of "May we remember that the God the moving of the billiard parlors to and the work of the school is deter- converts into healthy robust Chris- the purposes and growth of the Sun-

offer made J. Q. Ames, general sec- Sunday evening in his address at older members of the church do ing school of the church to prepare The sermon was enforced by the retary of the association to teach the Lowell Heights church on the their duty. Just a word of en- for definite tasks. A Christian life

Sunday School Worker Holds Boys and Girls Will Rebel at Too Much.

"Boys who are playing a square game of baseball are as religious as the adults who kneel at the altar of the church and pray that they may be saved. The boy is living up to his religious position as the adult, but in a majority of cases the stern church member believes the boy is opened the first of a series of six falling to do his duty as a Christian," sults are obtained it is what human Sunday evening sermons last night declared Rev. J. V. Thompson, su-Rev. T. J. Parsons, in which he reason expects from Christianity at the church on the general sub- perintendent of the "teen" departcopal Sunday school board of Chi-The theme of the sermon last night cago, in his address to more than was "Mt. Sinai-Man's Sense of 1,500 Sunday school workers of the "If we are to love God with all Duty," in which he spoke of the city, at the First M. E. church Sun-

school board consisting of six mem-

Conference Held.

Dr. Thompson delivered his adspoke to the young people on elespoke to the boys and girls on adolescent years, and Rev. H. C. Wilson, Rev. A. A. Brown and Miss land made sacred by hallowed as- Helen A. Patten spoke to the adults sociation. And in this series of Sun- on the subject "Work and Administration and Teacher Training in the Church." The conference meetings round table talks.

chance to lead and learn the ways!

"The same is true of the young he has charge of some part of the work and he will be a changed boy

the man begins when the individual that no longer does it come together to fight the battle alone. in which sin enters his life and it seperate departments giving all a ers know you belong to Christ. Be a Christian life from the start.

"At present there are, according to statistics, 500,000 young boys and CHURCH'S DUTY IS girls coming into their adolescent years annually and but one-third of them are connected with the Sunday school. There are at present in the Rev. Preshley Holds It a Great Re-United States nearly 2,000,000 young people in their adolescent years in the Methodist church who do not attend the Sunday school.

"The church must develop every side of the youth. The physical, mental and intellectual sides should in a refrigerator and flowers will be cared for as well as the spiritual. It is as necessary for the boy to have a gymnasium either in the First Evangelical church, Sunday church or some Christian institution | morning in his sermon on the sub- of the teachers' training department | verted has reached the astonishing the words which they spoke were a trying and crucial situation. I live committee of the Y. M. C. A. as it is for him to have a Sunday tope that the future historian will will be held this evening at the asso- school class to go to. A church Christian Life." He said one of Methodist Episcopal church of Chi- gelistic achievement, at least numclation building when a number of without all these branches is doomed the greatest joys that can come to cago, delivered the address at the erically, in the history of Method-

-Adv. did not fit the pupil so much the "There are a number of elements must make itself responsible for all worse for the pupil and that type that go to make up a successful three if it is to do its work success-

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TO TRAIN CONVERTS tion for the Christian life. sponsibility to Develop

the religious."

Rev. W. H. Freshley, pastor of the

dendent of the Sunday school board Rev. Freshley, "can be developed part the older Christians will do much things: First, a knowledge of Jesus = "There was a time," he said, "when to encourage the young converts. Christ as Savior and Lord; second, a

-Advt passing and the new system of giv- fession of your faith in Christ. Re- "The church has too much tried

"Probably a more striking feature | Many a person has lost out in the

of a young boy or girl is made that are needed in other work than two good meals of wholesome food each day, so we also need to find our spiritual life daily. There is no substitute for the Bible as a nutri-

"Be a prayerful Christian. Have regular and stated times for prayer and devotion. Be a soul winner. It Jesus saved you tell others. If your doctor helped you don't be afraid to tell it."

"You can't develop a healthy life TERMS SUNDAY SCHOOL A TRAINING SCHOOL

Rev. Arlo Brown, superintendent ject "How to Live a Successful of the Sunday school board of the total of 1,400,000, the greatest evana church is the conversion of men morning services at the River Park ism. "The distinguishing feature of the and women to God. There is also M. E. church, basing his remarks on work is the pupil holds the central a great responsibility upon the the theme, "The Modern Sunday day schools of the Methodist

to every day life. The Sunday school

tion. It should work to prevent sin ing the pupil what he needs is be- lying absolutely on Jesus for vic- to do its business on a capital of tory over every sin and temptation. good intentions. It has often develsinner is converted by the church just teach the bible, but also to Study your Bible. You need it, To ing them for service, and no one but it is a greater thing when the train the children in those things be healthy you should eat at least should call untrained the men who ad lived day and night for three years with the greatest Teacher who ever walked the earth." Rev. Brown then proceeded to

> point out how the Sunday school can do its work. He named four essendals of a good school: Graded pupils, graded lessons, graded service of practice in Christian deeds, and trained officers and teachers, He spoke of the growth of the Sunday school army of the Methodist Episcopal church within the last

eight years, since the general board of Sunday schools was organized. He showed that the enrollment has increased 1,200,000 and that the num-

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